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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12

ENCOURAGING DELAWARE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES TO CONSIDER CITIZENS WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS WHEN PRODUCING ELECTRONIC INFORMATION.

1 WHEREAS, as information and communication technology continue to advance rapidly, electronic information 2 has become an integral part of everyday life; and 3 WHEREAS, citizens with visual impairments, including blindness, may have difficulty accessing and interacting 4 with electronic information used or produced by state departments and agencies; and 5 WHEREAS, an inability to access electronic information can restrict a citizen with visual impairment's ability to 6 utilize government services, secure employment, and participate in the democratic process; and 7 WHEREAS, state employees with visual impairments may be required to utilize electronic information in order to 8 perform their job duties effectively; and 9 WHEREAS, eliminating barriers to access for citizens with visual impairments expands opportunities for those 10 citizens and leads to improved quality of life; and 11 WHEREAS, Delaware departments and agencies should consider citizens with visual impairment when 12 developing, maintaining, procuring, or using electronic information and technology; and 13 WHEREAS, state departments and agencies are encouraged to actively work to eliminate barriers and develop 14 new technologies that promote accessibility for citizens with visual impairments; and 15 NOW, THEREFORE: 16 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 149th General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the 17 Senate concurring therein that the state is encouraged to consider all citizens, including those with visual impairments, 18 when producing electronic information.

SYNOPSIS

This resolution encourages all Delaware departments and agencies to consider citizens with visual impairments when developing, maintaining, procuring, or using electronic information and technology.